

Amendments to the Specification:

Replace paragraph [0001] of the specification with the following:

[0001] This application is related by subject matter to the inventions disclosed in the following commonly assigned applications: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/647,058 ~~(not yet assigned)~~ (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1748), filed August 21, 2003 ~~on even date herewith~~, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR REPRESENTING UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM BUT INDEPENDENT OF PHYSICAL REPRESENTATION"; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,940 ~~(not yet assigned)~~ (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1750), filed August 21, 2003 ~~on even date herewith~~, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A BASE SCHEMA FOR ORGANIZING UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM"; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,632 ~~(not yet assigned)~~ (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1751), filed August 21, 2003 ~~on even date herewith~~, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CORE SCHEMA FOR PROVIDING A TOP-LEVEL STRUCTURE FOR ORGANIZING UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM"; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,645 ~~(not yet assigned)~~ (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1752), filed August 21, 2003 ~~on even date herewith~~, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHOD FOR REPRESENTING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM"; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,575 ~~(not yet assigned)~~ (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2733), filed August 21, 2003 ~~on even date herewith~~, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR INTERFACING APPLICATION PROGRAMS WITH AN ITEM-BASED STORAGE PLATFORM"; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,646 ~~(not yet assigned)~~ (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2734), filed August 21, 2003 ~~on even date herewith~~, entitled "STORAGE PLATFORM FOR ORGANIZING, SEARCHING, AND SHARING DATA"; and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,580 ~~(not yet assigned)~~ (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2735), filed August 21, 2003 ~~on even date herewith~~, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DATA MODELING IN AN ITEM-BASED STORAGE PLATFORM".

Please replace paragraph [0055] of the specification and the material immediately below the paragraph as follows:

[0055] Fig. 29 is a diagram illustrating an exemplary Item hierarchy in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

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Please replace paragraph [0583] of the specification and the material immediately below the paragraph as follows:

[0583] As is apparent from the above, all or portions of the various systems, methods, and aspects of the present invention may be embodied in the form of program code (i.e., instructions). This program code may be stored on a computer-readable medium, such as a magnetic, electrical, or optical storage medium, including without limitation a floppy diskette, CD-ROM, CD-RW, DVD-ROM, DVD-RAM, magnetic tape, flash memory, hard disk drive, or any other machine-readable storage medium, wherein, when the program code is loaded into and executed by a machine, such as a computer or server, the machine becomes an apparatus for practicing the invention. The present invention may also be embodied in the form of program code that is transmitted over some transmission medium, such as over electrical wiring or cabling, through fiber optics, over a network, including the Internet or an intranet, or via any other form of transmission, wherein, when the program code is received and loaded into and executed by a machine, such as a computer, the machine becomes an apparatus for practicing the invention. When implemented on a general-purpose processor, the program code combines with the processor to provide a unique apparatus that operates analogously to specific logic circuits.

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